

'Man in Dog Suit' Takes Raves, Continues Local Run

By BETTY SCHROEDER

Opening night audiences at Chapel Theatre's presentation of "Man in the Dog Suit" by Albert Beich and William H. Wright, from a novel by Edwin Corle, chuckled and laughed through the entire performance at the ridiculousness of the situation between a man and a dog suit costume.

John Luger of Manhattan Beach as Oliver, the husband, is frustrated by too many in-laws who completely dominate his life, and gives a convincing performance of having his inner desires squelched by too many bosses in his life, having an inner battle whether to assert himself or go on living under the thumbs of his in-laws.

Alma Nelson of Palos Verdes is delightful as Martha, the wife of the man in the dog suit, and is very natural in her role of trying to protect the queer actions of her husband, where her family is concerned. She captivates the audience by dancing around the dimly lighted living room in a columbine costume, after which she is whisked off by the man in the dog suit, in a very romantic opening.

Larry Worch of Redondo Beach gives a splendid performance as the brother-in-law Henry who, we suspect, has secret desires also. He is most amusing in his non-chalant matter-of-fact manner of portraying the in-law who is seemingly the brain of the family.

Helen Borst of Palos Verdes does a very convincing and natural portrayal of Henry's wife Letty, who is quite the social climber.

Salli Conrad of Torrance is well cast as the matriarch of the family, and gives a portrayal typical of the character.

Bill Andrews of Redondo Beach is a newcomer to Chapel Theatre and does a wonderful job as brother George. His naturalness and ease is most pleasing and promises more to come at Chapel Theatre.

Bob Lohbauer of Inglewood is most personable and charming as cousin Tony.

The comedy portions of the play are certainly well

taken care by Denton Wable of Redondo Beach, Glenn Hoeffner of Hermosa Beach, and Thelma Ledwidge of Torrance.

Wable, known as Chapel Theatre's scene-stealer, runs true to form with his inimitable characterization of Mr. Beal, the slightly irate neighbor who claims to be able to fly a helicopter, and wins the usual burst of applause after his big scenes.

Glenn Hoeffner is quite hilarious as brother Stewart as his 6 foot 2 inch frame cavorts and prances (in Bermuda shorts no less) while he describes the antics of his erring brother-in-law in a prudish and astonished manner.

Thelma Ledwidge as Eileen (who also doubled as director of this production) is most comical as the sister-in-law who is constantly in a state of inebriation, and pours forth latin quotations and nonsensical statements at the most surprising moments.

To sum it up, "The Man in the Dog Suit" is most entertaining, enjoyable, and amusing; plus the fact that the dialogue is witty, intriguing, and philosophical which makes for an evening well spent in Chapel Theatre.



HILARIOUS SCENE from Chapel Theatre's production of "Man in a Dog Suit" features (from left) Salli Conrad as mother, Alma Nelson as Mar- tha, Thelma Ledwidge as Eileen and Glenn Hoeffner as Stewart. Play currently is attracting raves from South Bay audiences.

Vice President Obtains Diploma From Bank School

James J. Weigel, vice president of Security First National Bank, recently received a graduate certificate from the Pacific Coast Banking School, University of Washington, Seattle, Wash. Weigel, who has been with Security Bank for

more than 16 years, resides at 22921 Carlow Rd., Torrance.

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Books which have influenced Western civilization, from classics of the Greek period to the early 20th century, will be read and discussed during the year.

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